

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHOOLS SET UP UNDER RTE ACT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schools targeted to be set up under Right to Education Act in the country including Bihar;
- (b) whether the said target has been achieved;
- (c) if not, the difference between the target set and the achievements made so far; and
- (d) the nature of assistance being provided by the Union Government to the States facing the shortage of teachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE) 2009 provides children access to elementary schools within the defined area or limits of neighbourhood as notified by the appropriate Governments in the Rules pursuant to the RTE Act. The Central Government does not fix any targets for opening of schools under the RTE Act. Project Approval Board (PAB) of Sava Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) sanctions new schools as per requirement projected by the States in the light of their RTE Rules. Since inception of SSA, 2,09,914 primary schools and 1,73,969 upper primary schools have been sanctioned including 39,502 primary schools & 11,952 upper primary schools sanctioned after the RTE Act came into force on 1st April, 2010. 2577 primary schools & 2167 upper primary schools have been sanctioned in Bihar in the period 2010-2012. The State Government of Bihar has reported that out of the sanctioned schools, 1483 primary schools have not been opened and upgradation of 572 primary schools to upper primary level has not been achieved so far.

(d): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), additional teachers are provided as per RTE norms to all Government and Local Body Schools in States/UTs. However, assistance under SSA is not available for filling-up State sector vacancies that have arisen on account of attrition and retirement vacancies.